

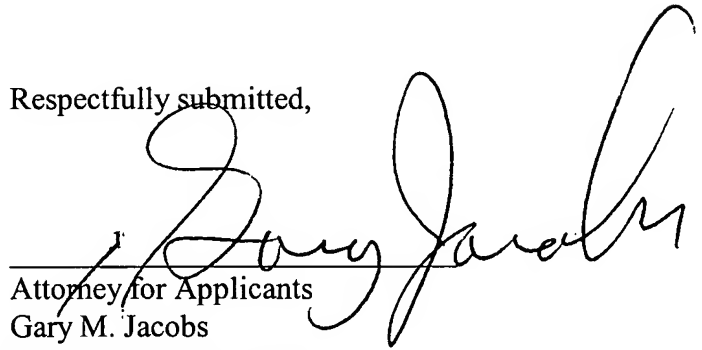
Remarks

This amendment is being filed to indicate that the present application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/12410 filed September 29, 2003.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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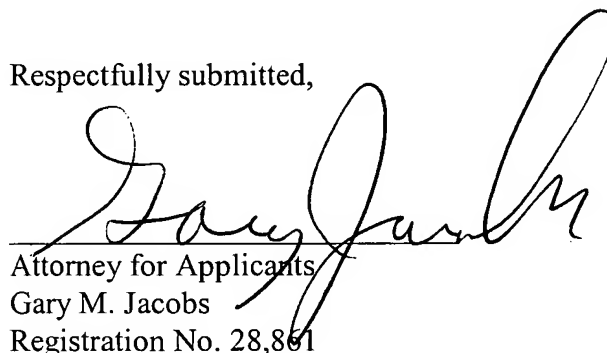
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

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